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花とゆめCOMICS

# 龍の花わずらい

第1巻

草川(くさかわ)　為(なり)

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1話の予告カット

手袋→片手はぎさ(スモワーデス物語)
という幼い頃の刷り込みによる絵。

climb
WHAT?
climb
SHOULDN'T WE GO BACK?
climb
UMM SHAKUYA-SAMA
IF WE ESCAPE FROM THE COURT LIKE THAT
WE'LL BE SCOLDED BY PEOPLE AGAIN
THAT'S THE POINT
THE PASSION TO GO SEE THE FIANCE COMING BACK FROM WORK NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSE QUENCE IS...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT EVEN A COOL GUY LIKE HIM WOULD BE MOVED?
Long time ago, a dragon who had fell in love with a human came over
WHAT BECOMES OF MY PLACE AS YOUR LADY-IN-WAITING?
RUBINA, YOU JUMP TOO! I'LL CATCH YOU FROM THE BOTTOM
now
Flap
Yah!

And created an oasis in the middle of a desert
Soon people gathered
The town became a land ruled by the dragon race.
OH, SHAKUYA-SAMA SNEAKING OUT AGAIN?
YES, MY WIFE'S RING
IT GOT STUCK BETWEEN THE ROCKS AND IT'S NOT COMING OUT
YES
DID YOU DROP SOMETHING IN THE CHANNEL?
OH
DON'T IF YOU DO IT LIKE THAT, THE RING'S GOING TO GET SCRATCHED UP.
The Dragon Race Next Head Shakuya (15)
BEND
OH, AMAZING!
Splash

IT WAS ONE STREET OVER
IS IT THAT?
I, Shakuya
Had a fiancé from the time I was born
In the Dragon race
It is a custom to take a partner from the town's powerful family
Thanks you
No problem
LET'S GO, RUBINA
コソコソ
WELCOME HOME!
KUWAN!
Shakuya's Fiancé Kuwan Kiri (26) Officer at the Police Department

WELCOME HOME~!
SHAKUYA-SAMA
SHAKUYA..?
thlPth
thlPth
flow
grab
yah
WATCH OUT!
sfx: rattle
!
HEY! I'M DOING THE ROTECTING!

SHAKUYA-SAMA!
...
SFX rattle rattle rattle rattle

RATTLE
THANK YOU
A TRAVELER?
NO
RATTLE
MY JOURNEY JUST ENDED
I MET YOU SO IT'S FINISHED
fall
SHAKUYA-SAMA!
?
ARE YOU HURT!?
HM!
WHO ARE YOU!?

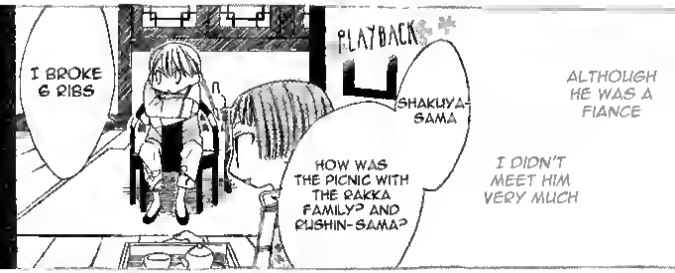
GWA
UGH
DON'T BE SO RUDE!
HUSH
THIS PERSON HELPED US
SORRY FOR THE RUDENESS THANK YOU VERY MUCH
KUWAN ♡
……
……

I'M SORRY
I LOVE KUWAN
I'M RELIEVED THAT YOU ARE SAFE
ぽん
I WILL INVESTIGATE ON WHY THE POLES FELL BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU HERE, SHAKUYA-SAMA?
PA PASSION AND STUFF
クールル
HE IS MY FUTURE HUSBAND
BUT I LOVE THE KINDNESS HE SOMETIMES SHOW
HE DOESN T SHOW HIS FEELING MUCH

ANYWAYS, KUWAN-SAMA
.....
デレ
デレ
NEWS?
Hm
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD YET?
Ah
I RE-CEIVED NEWS
I HEARD THAT YOUR WORK WAS OUTSIDE THE OASIS
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU CAME BACK EARLIER THAN PLANNED
RUSHIN OF THE RAKKA FAMILY WHO DISAPPEARED 5 YEARS AGO IN THE DESERT
HE IS APPARENTLY ALIVE AND CAME BACK
I HEARD HE WAS DEAD
RUSHIN-SAMA
EH

SHAKUYA-SAMA'S FIRST FIANCÉ...!
YES
HE WAS CONSIDERED DEAD
SO I WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE NEXT FIANCE
WHAT...
IT IS WONDERFUL THAT YOU CAME BACK, BUT IT IS GOING TO GET CONFUSING
RIGHT, RUSHIN?
SO YOU'VE NOTICED

THAT TATTOO IS A SYMBOL OF FIANCE!
SURPRISED
pull
TWO FIANCES
RUSHIN RAKKA...!
Excited
SHAKUYA SAMA, WAIT, WAIT!
HUH?
WHEN I WAS LITTLE
I WAS A PAMPERED PRINCESS SO
YOU'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE THIS!


I BROKE 6 RIBS
PLAYBACK
SHAKUYA-SAMA
HOW WAS THE PICNIC WITH THE PAKKA FAMILY? AND RUSHIN-SAMA?
ALTHOUGH HE WAS A FIANCE
I DIDN'T MEET HIM VERY MUCH

WHAT DID RUSHIN-SAMA SAY...?
I DON'T KNOW, HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS
I KICKED HIM REALLY HARD
AND CAUSED A HUGE COM-MOTION
IT'S BECAUSE I THOUGHT ZARIGANI* WAS A SCORPION
T/N: Zarigani is a Japanese lobster

THE LETTER
WAS WRITTEN IN SUCH CAREFUL WORDS

FROM RUSHIN-SAMA

SHAKUYA-SAMA
THERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU

OH
SHAKUYA SAMA
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE ?
DID YOU HEAR?
RUSHIN-SAMA'S SUFFERING A FACTURE
くす
くす
くす
I WROTE THE REPLY
WISHING HE WILL GETTER BETTER SOON
I FEEL A BIT SORRY FOR HIM BUT HE IS RATHER UNRELIABLE AS A FIANCE
YES
THAT IS MY MEMORY WITH RUSHIN
IT TOLD ME NOT TO WORRY
SHAKUYA-SAMA, SEE!
LOOK, LOOK!
IT'S TRUE THAT IF IT WAS KUWAN,
HE'LL BE FINE IF I GO WILD

HEY, DON'T PEEK FROM OVER THERE
MOTHER
COME IN
ALL CLEANED UP AFTER THE BATH
HE LOOKS REALLY NICE
BUT I ALREADY HAVE MY ANSWER
SHINE
I WAS ABOUT TO CALL YOU

はじめましての方も、こんにちはの方も本日はこのコミックスをお手にとっていただきありがとうございます。

今回はコウモリでこの単語を使ってみました。私はコウモリがピョンピョン飛び交う回答に住んでいますが、普段のまに石室内の壁にはりついていた時はさすがにビックリしました。(外に帰しました)よく見れば生命体だけど、そこはかとなく可愛気がある。さわれなかったけど。

YOU'RE REALLY HONEST
I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU.
THE LEGITIMATE FIANCE
AND THE CURRENT FIANCE
WE'VE DECIDED TO LET SHAKUYA CHOOSE.
WELL, WE'VE SPOKEN TO THE HEADS OF EACH FAMILY BUT
KISS?
TAKE OFF YOUR GLOVES, SHAKUYA.

THE ROSE ON THE RIGHT IS A SYMBOL OF ENGAGEMENT WITH RUSHIN
AND THE JAPANESE GENTIAN IS KUWAN'S SYMBOL
THERE'S A LOT OF MORE FLOWERS FOR THE LEFT HAND
SHAKUYA'S FLOWER MULTIPLY ACCORDING TO HER FEELINGS
IT WAS JUST AN ORDINARY TATTOO,
BUT IT MUST BE THE BLOOD OF THE DRAGON
FROM NOW TILL NEXT YEAR
THE ONE WHO BLOOMS MORE FLOWER SHALL BE THE HUSBAND

INTER-ESTING
CAN I MULTIPLY YOUR ROSES?
MORE THAN THE GEN-TIANS
I'M SORRY, BUT IT WON'T.
...YOU SURE?
IT WON'T BLOOM
BECAUSE

The Tomb of Memories
IF I BREAK HIS RIBS, WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN
PEOPLE CHANGE TO THEIR SURROUNDINGS
THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL FORGIVE ME WITH JUST A LETTER
IT SCARED ME
BECAUSE WHO IS THAT!?
WHAT IS THAT...?
WHO THINK MARRIAGE IS LIKE A GAME
BUT HE SEEMS SO EASY GOING NOW
I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE
UMMM
Is that amazing?
It's amazing
IT SEEMS THAT HE'S GROWN TOUGH AFTER LOSING HIS MEMORY

THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT KUWAN THINKS
BUT I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM KNOWING THAT
IF IT'S POSSIBLE
I AM THE PERSON WHO WILL INHERIT THE BLESSING OF THE DRAGON
BUT, I THINK FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING ALONG WELL WITH AND ACHIEVING BALANCE, A MARRIAGE IS NECESSARY
IT'S JUST A POLITICAL MARRIAGE
SHAKUYA-SAMA
eh
I WONDER WHAT
SHAKUYA-SAMA KUWAN-SAMA WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU
I HOPE THERE WILL BE A TIME WHEN WE BOTH ARE IN LOVE
EVEN IF IT IS A POLITICAL THING
IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE CAN BE A COUPLE

I'M SORRY FOR CALLING YOU
I WANTED TO INFORM YOU ON THE INCIDENT AT THE ALLEY
ALLEY?
OH, THE ALLEY. YES, YES.
ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES
THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE RUNNING AWAY FROM THERE
I SHALL SEARCH TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY WEIRD TRAVELERS OR MERCHANTS IN THE TOWN
REALLY... DOES THIS MEAN THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO ATTACK SHAKUYA-SAMA?
well
IT'S NOT REALLY HARD TO THINK OF THE REASONS WHY

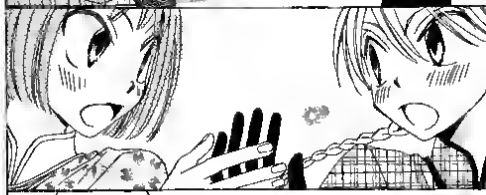
pat pat
wild
THE RULER OF THE OASIS AND
THOUGH SHE DOES HAVE NON-HUMAN BLOOD IN HER, SHE IS STILL VERY WILD.

KUWAN-SAMA, WHY NOT JOIN US FOR A TEA
RUBIN
WELL
THAT IS ALL
I UNDERSTAND THANK YOU
I'LL STAY IN THE COURT
I DO APPRE-CIATE THE INVITATION
BUT I HAVE BUSI-NESS IN TOWN
THAT'S A SHAME
PLEASE COME VISIT WHENEVER YOU HAVE TIME BET-WEEN THE JOBS
DO BE CAREFUL IN THE TOWN, KUWAN
smile
IT'S NOT THAT I AM A SLACKER, BUT

◦青龍

青龍、大好きだが。中日ドラゴンズはせっかく青龍なんだから、もっとそれっぽいマスコットにすれば良かったのに。短いは全長が。もったいない。

次はこういう形で"お願いします。(大気)



EVEN IF IT'S A LIE
I'M STILL HAPPY
WHAT IS SHE DOING UP THERE?
SHE'S THINKING
I SHALL GO PAY A VISIT THEN
JUMP
THE LAUNDRY ACCIDENTALLY GOT CAUGHT IN THE WIND AND SO
SHE WENT UP THERE TO GO GET IT BUT
REALLY
WOW
SO LIGHT!

H-HELLO
RUSHIN
IT'S A NICE VIEW
HAVE YOU DONE ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE ME FALL FOR YOU?
DID THE ROSES INCREASE?
ONE BLOOMED
NO, BUT
ON MY HAND
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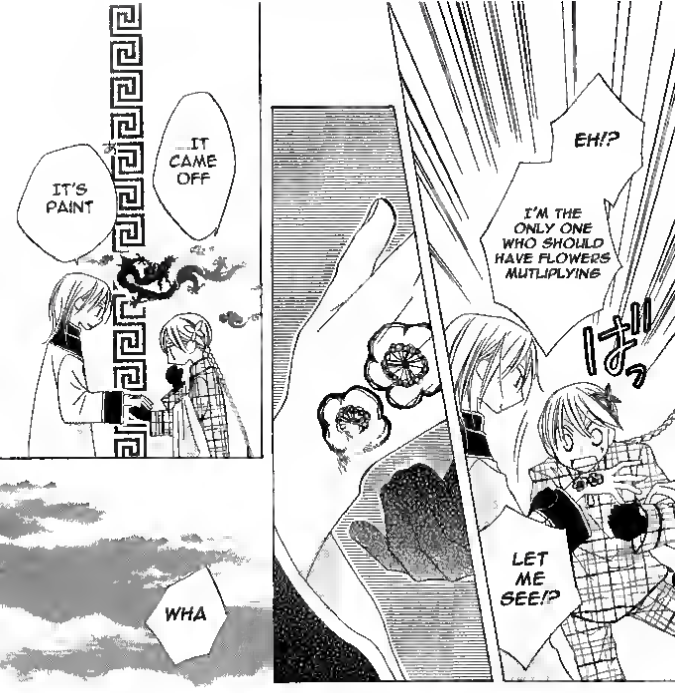

IT'S PAINT
IT CAME OFF
WHA
EH!?
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SHOULD HAVE FLOWERS MULTIPLYING
LET ME SEE!?

BUT MY FEELING FOR YOU CERTAINLY INCREASED
whatever
DON'T FOOL AROUND SO IRRITATING!
YOU LIAR! LIAR!!
WHAT!

I SAID I'VE TAKEN A LIKING.
HMM
AND BY FLIRTING AROUND, I CONQUERED MY SHY PERSONALITY
SINCE I WAS A WEAK KID, I BUILT UP MY MUSCLE
I SPENT MY TEENAGE YEARS WITH MY
IT'S OK IF THAT'S A LIE TOO
NO, NO, IT'S TRUE
WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE YOU WERE MISSING?
I DON'T KNOW
STUFF
MY QUES-TION
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT KUWAN?

HMMM
DIDN'T YOU HATE A MAN WHO WAS CHOSEN BY YOUR FAMILY?
IF HE HAS A WONDERFUL QUALITY,
I WILL FALL IN LOVE
AND MY OLD SELF?
I DIDN'T HATE HIM BUT
.....
eh
THAT'S REALLY SIMPLY MINDED
YOU'LL PROBABLY FALL FOR ME TOO
NO!
しゅび
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M OK WITH ANY-ONE
IT'S JUST THAT YOUR OLD SELF HAD SOME WONDERFUL PARTS.

...THANK YOU.
WILL YOU TELL ME WH T PART THAT W SP
THERE WAS A PERVERT ON THE ROOF.
Here's the laundry
SHAKUYA...
WHAT IS IT?

A FIRE
IN TOWN
FIRE, FIRE!
SEND A MESSENGER TO THE PALACE!
GET WATER FROM THE CANAL!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH, MORE WATER!
WHERE'S THE ROOT OF THE FIRE?
SHAKUYA-SAMA!
THE INN JUST UP THERE
TELL EVERYONE TO MOVE AWAY
I'LL PUT OUT THE FIRE
YES
I THINK THERE'S STILL PEOPLE IN THERE
A MAN WENT IN TO CHECK FOR ANY STRANDED PEOPLE

RUBINA, STAND BACK
YOU TOO, RUSHIN
AN INCENDIARY FIRE, HUH?
ARE THOSE PEOPLE FROM THE ALLEY...!?
Rushin, you're staring too much
I WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE
DESCENDANT OF THE DRAGON

THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE YOU SOMETIMES, BUT
THAT IS ONLY IF THE DRAGON IS A PURE ONE
WE CRAVE FOR THE DRAGON BLOOD
THAT CAN TURN A PERSON IMMORTAL
I DON'T KNOW ANY DESCENDANTS
WHO HAD SUCH POWER.
HOW DARE YOU BURN THE TOWN FOR SUCH A REASON
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!

AHH...
THE WATER..!
AMAZING
SHAKUYA-SAMA
PLEASE CALM DOWN..
KU...
KUWAN-SAMA!?

I WAS JUST WALKING BY
"THE STRANDED PERSON" AND "THE MAN WHO WENT IN"?
THIS PERSON IS JUST UNCONSCIOUS, SO SHE IS ALRIGHT
thank goodness
WHAT ABOUT KUWAN-SAMA?
I AM FINE
...SHAKUYA-SAMA

SHAKUYA-SAMA!
THE DRAGON!
AHH
THERE SHE GOES

RUSHIN-SAMA...
THAT IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR BROKEN RIBS
I GET IT
WHEN SHE CANNOT CONTROL HER EMOTION
SHE TURNS INTO A DRAGON

SO TODAY IS ANGER
BECAUSE KUWAN GOT INVOLVED IN THE FIRE.
SO IT SEEMS
IT IS HARD TO GET CLOSE TO HER AFTER SHE STARTS TO GO WILD
I AM THE ONE WHO USUALLY CALMS HER, BUT
RUSHIN
CAN I ASK YOU TO DO IT?
IF HER FIANCÉ WAS AN ORDINARY MAN
WHO IS TOSSED AROUND BY THE DRAGON
WE WOULD BE TROUBLED

AN ABILITY TEST
WATCH CAREFULLY
SFX:SPARK
HOW DARE THEY!
I WON'T FORGIVE IT

UWAA-AAA
HOLD ON, SHAKUYA
I WON'T KILL YOU GUYS
but attacks from the back
HOW DARE THEY!

たたっ

AH
...

HE STOPPED HER
SUCH POWER
SO THIS IS HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM...
IS MY VOICE REACHING YOU?

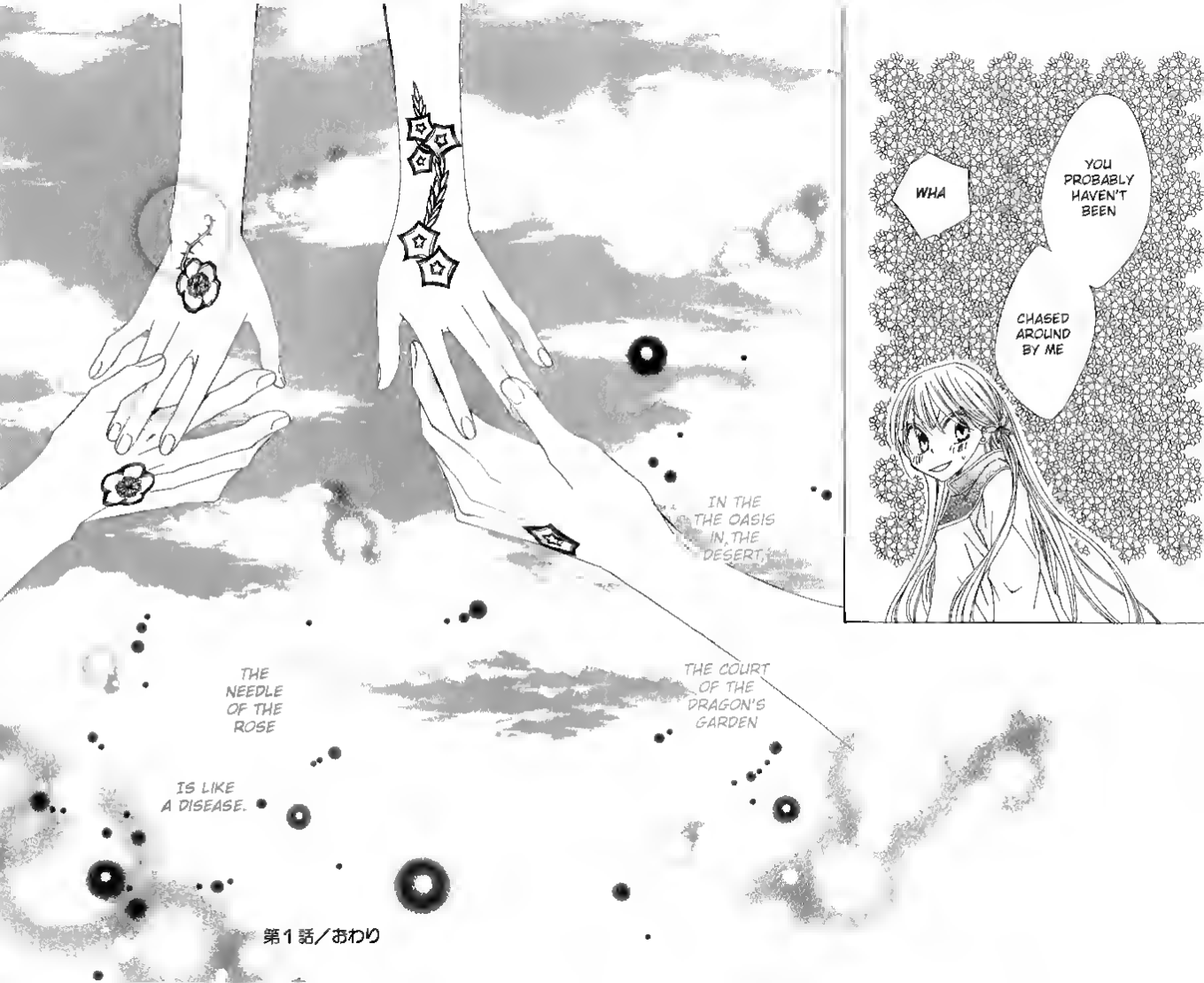
INTER-
FERE
DON'T
THE DAY THE SAND-STORM TOOK PLACE
I PROBABLY LOST OTHER STUFF AS WELL AS MY MEMORY, BUT
THAT LETTER WAS STILL IN MY JACKET
IT SAID "I HOPE YOUR INJURY HEALS SOON"
EH

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANT
BUT DURING THESE 5 YEARS, I'VE READ IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
MY REPLY FROM BACK THEN?
THE EMOTION THAT WAS PUT IN THE LETTER
WAS THE SUPPORT FOR ME
MAYBE IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT YOU LOVED ME
THE REASON WHY I PUT SO MUCH HEART INTO THE REPLY WAS
GENTLE AND
HONEST
I COULD TELL THAT YOU WERE A PERSON WHO WOULD CARE ABOUT PEOPLE JUST FROM THE LETTER
YOU WERE
RUSHIN...

PLEASE REACH
THE ONE WHO CARED FOR ME FIRST
EVEN IF
REACH
THAT FEELING ISN'T FOR ME
I LOVE YOU
REACH?
.....
sfx blush

HOLD ON...
SEE?
IT'S SO MUCH EASIER TO TOUCH YOU IN DRAGON FORM
!?
ah
SORRY
ACCI-DENT
smile
I'LL STOP IF YOU TURN BACK INTO THE HUMAN FORM
SUCCESS!
WOW
HM

I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU
WHY WOULD YOU LOVE ME WHO LOVES KUWAN?
IT'S NOT WEIRD.
I THINK IT'S USE-LESS
NOT REALLY
MY FEELINGS WON'T CHANGE
MAYBE
IN THE PAST


WHA
YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T BEEN CHASED AROUND BY ME
IN THE THE OASIS IN, THE DESERT,
THE NEEDLE OF THE ROSE
IS LIKE A DISEASE.
THE COURT OF THE DRAGON'S GARDEN

第1話／おわり

2巻の予告カット

時々一妻制にしたらどうだという意見をいただき、それもいいわと思っています。

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草川 為（くさかわ なり）

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●草川 為の本

ガートルードのレシピ 全5巻
めぐる楽空季
十二極宮のパレット ①〜③
龍の花わずらい ①〜②

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MY MORNING
STARTS WITH A BATH.
DRAGON RACE NEXT HEAD SHAKUYA (15)
THIS IS AN OASIS IN THE DESERT.
WHERE THE DRAGON RACE RULES
FLOP!
YOUR CLOTHES ARE READY. TODAY'S FABRIC IS THE NEW PEACH-COLORED ONE.
Bow!
LADY-IN-WAITING RUPINA (16)
GOOD MORNING SHAKUYA-SAMA
WHAT I DO, AS WELL AS I TAKE MY CLOTHES OFF, IS TO ...

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I WENT OUT OF CONTROL LAST TIME TOO, BUT
BY DOING THIS, I CAN CONTROL MYSELF WHEN I'M IN THIS FORM
I AM WORKING HARD TO STOP MYSELF FROM RAMPAGING WHEN MY EMOTIONS GETS OUT OF CONTROL.
SFX: Splash
REALLY?
I MUST GO SHOW IT TO KUWAN. ♡
CHANGE.

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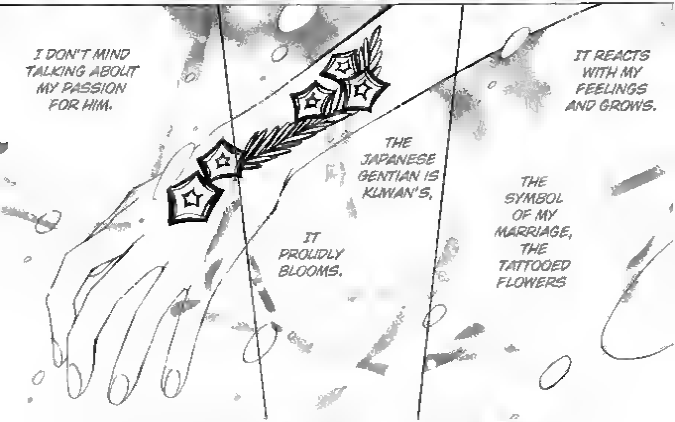
Police Department's cool public official
FIANCÉ NO. 2 KUWAN KIRI (26)
I HAVE TWO FIANCÉS.
TO EXPLAIN.
AT A SITUATION LIKE THIS, RUSHIN-SAMA IS MORE LIKELY TO PRAISE YOU.
FIANCÉ NO. 1 RUSHIN RAKKA (16)
A flirtatious person with lost memory
THAT'S FINE. THE ONE I WANT TO SHOW IT TO IS KUWAN!


I DON'T MIND TALKING ABOUT MY PASSION FOR HIM.
IT REACTS WITH MY FEELINGS AND GROWS.
THE JAPANESE GENTIAN IS KUWAN'S,
THE SYMBOL OF MY MARRIAGE, THE TATTOOED FLOWERS
IT PROUDLY BLOOMS.

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I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GROWING...
BUT,
THE ROSE OF RUSHIN'S ON MY RIGHT HAND
I CAN'T SAY THAT IT GREW ..
RUSHIN, WHO'S LOST HIS MEMORY, AND ALSO CHANGED HIS PERSONALITY.
I LOVE KUWAN!!
AND HE STOPPED ME FROM MY RAMPAGE
LAST TIME, A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY PILED UP, BUT...
SPLASH!
I WON'T LET ANYMORE ROSES GROW!
!?

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I bet 500 on Kuwan.
ME TOO!
RUPINA, RUPINA, THERE'S A WEIRD GROUP FORMING..!
AH, I WONDER WHO WILL BE SHAKUYA-SAMA'S GROOM!
I SUPPORT KUWAN
I'LL BET ON RUSHIN-SAMA.
WHAT, YOU SUPPORT RUSHIN?
THE PEANUT GALLERY GETS IT SO EASY
LADIES-IN-WAITING CAN'T RESIST GOSSIPING OVER IT. ♡
OF COURSE,
A LOVE TRIANGLE INVOLVING THE MASTER YOU SERVE..
Separating it into categories
Please take a look!
HERE'S ALL THE LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE LADIES-IN-WAITING.
Don't you have something to do?

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I'M A SUPPORTER OF RUSHIN, BY THE WAY, BUT...
IN THE END, NO MATTER WHO YOU CHOOSE...
WE'RE FINE IF SHAKUYA-SAMA IS HAPPY
KUWAN FROM 10 YEARS AGO IS CUTER
IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR RUPINA TO JOIN THE KUWAN SUPPORTERS...
THEN WHAT ABOUT RUSHIN-SAMA 10 YEARS FROM NOW?
THAT MIGHT BE WONDERFUL
NO, NO, IT'S NOT WONDERFUL.
GLOMP!
I LOVE YOU, RUPINA! ♡
BUT WHY ARE YOU A RUSHIN-SUPPORTER!?
EH, BECAUSE HE'S A BIT CUTE.



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CLOSE, CLOSE!
CAN'T YOU COME IN AT A NORMAL DISTANCE?
YOU KNOW NOTHING, SHAKUYA.
THIS IS NORMAL IN A SHOUJO MANGA.
WHY DON'T YOU IMAGINE A BIT? MYSELF, 10 YEARS FROM NOW..
IT HURTS ME WHEN YOU DISAGREE SO SWIFTLY.
Ah Rushin-sama!
MORNING.
... MORNING.
I...

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Hello all you out there in the land of the internet! Sexe here!

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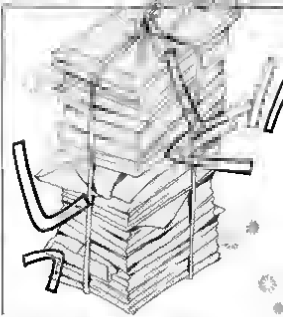
Well, I'm off to finish QCing this and I'll see ya all around!

I KEEP GETTING TENSE...
PLEASE WORK HARD TO MAKE SHAKUYA FALL IN LOVE?
ALL RIGHT, I'LL WORK HARD.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORK HARD...
RUSHIN-SAMA, THESE ARE ALL THE SUPPORT LETTERS FROM THE LADIES.

IS THAT FOR KUWAN?
SPEAKING OF THE DEVIL...
AH, GOOD MORNING.
YES, I'D SAY THE GAME IS TIED.
Though Shakuya-sama's letter is included too, but



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THE DRAGON RACE CURRENT HEAD
Mother of Sakuya
Nod!
A SWORD FIGHT TOURNAMENT?
YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T SEEN THE SKILLS, BUT.
KUWAN IS A WELL KNOWN SWORD FIGHTER.
THERE ARE MANY WHO WANT TO FIGHT WITH HIM.
SOME WISH TO BEAT HIM AND BECOME FAMOUS.
THAT'S WHY WE HOLD THE TOURNAMENT ANNUALLY AT THIS PLACE TO FIGHT THEM ALL AT ONCE
HUH,
NEVER LOST?
WELL, YES

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I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE.
AS LONG AS I AM THE POLICE WHO KEEPS THE TOWN SAFE,
AND THE FIANCÉ OF THE RULING DRAGONS.
SO THE QUALITY EXPECTED IN A FIANCÉ IS STRENGTH?
I CAN'T SAY THAT IS THE ONLY QUALITY.
I HEARD THAT YOU WERE THE ONE TO STOP SHAKUYA FROM HER RAMPAGE LAST TIME.
YOU USE THE SWORD
HE ACTUALLY USED SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN TRUTH
WELL, YES
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENTER
THE TOURNAMENT?

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I WON'T FORCE YOU TO IF YOU AREN'T CONFIDENT ABOUT YOUR SKILLS
BEFORE YOU WENT MISSING, YOU WERE A WEAK CHILD WITH A SOFT HEART.
I JUST WANT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR CURRENT SELF
MOTHER ...
HOW ABOUT IT?
I'LL ENTER.
RUSHIN
THE TOURNAMENT WILL USE A WOODEN SWORD
THERE WILL BE SOME STRONG ONES AMONG THE CONTESTANTS
HAVE YOU EVER CUT A PERSON?
NEVER

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KUWAN-SAMA
HERE'S SOME WATER
DO YOU WANT A TOWEL FOR THE SWEAT?
MORE LIKE
THEY ARE AROUND THE SAME AGE AS HIM
IF I ENTER THAT CROWD,
I'LL LOOK LIKE A KID.
PULL?
You are very strong.
IT'S BRIGHT ..
SO MOST OF THE KUWAN SUPPORTERS ARE OLDER WOMAN ..

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IF I GO AND ASK HIM TO BRAID IF FOR ME,
I'LL LOOK EVEN MORE LIKE...
WHOOPS! SORRY KID
GAHAHA
YOUR BRAIDS GOT CAUGHT AND CAME LOOSE
MESSY
I'LL HAVE TO REDO IT.
I'M PRETTY GOOD.
RUI!?
BUT I CAN'T GO OVER TO THE RUISHIN SIDE
But if it is short hair, it'll be even more embarrassing after the change into the dragon form. (She turns naked.)
IT TAKES TOO LONG FOR ME TO BRAID IT NEATLY.
SHOULD I BRAID IT?

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For those of you who didn't know, Intercross has a website now. Yeah... a website... We're finally getting all snazzy and up to the times. Thanks to my shallow pockets and Fishie's web finesse!

So go check it out at www.intercross-scans.net! It's purple and pretty... you like pretty right? If you like this manga, you MUST like pretty! XD

Sorry... I am running on a major sugar high after proctoring 4 exams this week (to be 5 tomorrow...) T.T

-Seve

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BECAUSE HE SAID THE ROSES WOULD MULTIPLY.
TO ME, WHO HAS ALREADY MULTIPLIED IT!
I GOT SO NERVOUS...
THAT I PUSHED HIM VERY HARD.
HE BRAIDED IT SO NEATLY.
IT'S SO RUDE!
I PUSHED HIM AWAY WITHOUT A "THANK YOU".

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IT STIRS UP FIGHTING SPIRIT AND MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE YOU WANT TO FIGHT.
A TYPE OF MAGIC.
YOU KNOW IT VERY WELL.
WAS IT CALLED THE "WARRIOR'S TATTOO"? I'VE SEEN IT ONCE IN THE DESERT.
ALL OVER HIS BODY...!
OH!
WHAT'S THAT?
SFX: Kyaaaaa!
OH NO!!
IF YOU'VE BEATEN HIM, THEN THIS SHOULD GET INTERESTING.
HAVE YOU FOUGHT WITH A MAN WITH A TATTOO BEFORE?
STOP IT, THIS IS AGAINST THE RULES...
UGH!

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AGAINST AN OPPONENT LIKE THIS...
I'M FINE WITH JUST THE WOODEN ONE.
YOU'RE STUPID. WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A STICK?
I AGREE.
KUWAN,
WHY ARE YOU ENTERING?
BECAUSE I'M A POLICEMAN.
Right.
IT'S FINE, BUT DON'T GO ALL MAD WITH THE SWORD.
I'M NOT THAT WEAK, YOU KNOW.

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SO THE STRONG ONE APPEARS
IT DOES MAKE YOU FEEL RATHER DIZZY.
KUWAN, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
ARE YOU GOING MAD TOO!?
PLEASE CALM YOURSELF.
WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT NOT BEING WEAK?
SO...

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YOU HAVE A RATHER NASTY PERSONALITY.
RUSHIN, YOU ARE TOO SOFT.
Was that on purpose?
What?
SO WHAT?
AREN'T YOU THE SHERIFF?
AREN'T YOU BEING OVERCONFIDENT WITH YOUR SKILLS?
IF YOU HOLD A SWORD,
YOU MUST HAVE THE RESOLVE TO CUT A PERSON.
TO SAY THAT YOU CAN WIN WITHOUT CUTTING...

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SO I DON'T FEEL LIKE CUTTING
I've scraped it.
!
MAYBE I...
AM!
BUT I DON'T LIKE LOOKING AT BLOOD.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE HOLDING A SWORD THE OPPONENT WILL COME AT YOU TO CUT
An unexpected attack from both sides...
SWORDS ARE BORN TO CUT PEOPLE!
IT'S NOT A DECORATION, YOU KNOW!
YOU COWARD! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF HOLDING A SWORD IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO CUT WITH IT!

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JUST DIE! I'VE GOT A BUSINESS WITH THAT STRONG ONE!
EXACTLY!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME.
I'VE NEVER SAID THAT I'LL LOSE.
AND BESIDES,
R...really?
I MIGHT CUT THAT MAN MYSELF.
IF ONE DOESN'T HAVE THE WILL TO CUT,
THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE HOLDING A REAL SWORD OR A WOODEN ONE.

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YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR CALLING YOU SOFT.
SAYING THAT YOU DON'T LIKE LOOKING AT BLOOD
WHY DO YOU PUT YOURSELF IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT...?
WHY IS THAT?
IS IT THAT YOU'RE STILL
AS KIND-HEARTED AS YOU WERE IN THE PAST?

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SFX: Swoosh
JUST BECAUSE HE'S BRAIDED MY HAIR.
AH!
MAYBE I'M THINKING TOO NICELY ABOUT HIM!?
JUST BECAUSE HE.
BRAIDED IT SO NEATLY
YEAH, THAT'S THE SPOT!!
FINISH HIM OFF QUICKLY!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH WITH YOUR HERE HERE!

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I'M SORRY
I'VE TAINTED THE WATER WITH THE BLOOD
EVEN TOUCHING HIS BLOOD
MAKES YOU DIZZY!
Boo! ~
SHOOT
NO
I WON'T GO CUTTING AROUND AGAIN, BUT
IT MIGHT CAUSE THE TOWN PEOPLE TO GO CRAZY
THE POND OF THE PALACE
LEADS TO THE TOWN CANAL

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WOW!
IT'S A DRAGON.
A DRAGON HAS APPEARED~!!
GRRR

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I'VE COME TO FETCH YOU, SHAKUYA-SAMA.
THIS...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TOURNAMENT ?
...I CANNOT TELL ANYONE
I THINK IT WILL END LIKE THIS FOR NOW.
REALLY ?
SOME OF THEM WERE SHIVERING AFTER WATCHING THE THUNDER MADE BY THE DRAGON.
IT WAS IN A STATE WHERE IT CANNOT GO ON ANY FURTHER...

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SHAKE SHAKE
I THOUGHT SO
LET'S JUST SAY THAT THE STRONGEST IS SHAKUYA
EH, I'M NOT VERY HAPPY...
WANT A RIDE?
UM,
THANKS FOR THE BRAID.
YOU'RE WELCOME. SHOULD I DO IT AGAIN?
N-NO, PLEASE DON'T BRAID IT!
DOES SHE DISLIKE ME THAT MUCH...?
Runs!

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IT'S LIKE HAVING A BAD DISEASE!
I THINK ...
I'LL WALK
MY SECRET RIGHT HAND.
I SHOULD HAVE JUST PUT YOU TO DEATH BACK THEN.
So cloud-like
... MAYBE?

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I'LL JUST TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT
PLEASE, SOMEONE
MAYBE MY HANDS WILL GO OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN
PLEASE WATCH OUT.
GIVE ME THE TREATMENT QUICKLY!
THIS GUY PISSES ME OFF
they know?

Chapter 2 / End

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RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
Fan Girl
It's not like YOU helped out any.
We don't have enough translators or editors
Stop yelling already
Find us some translators and editors and you'll have your next chapter
Visit our website for details
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# 龍の花わずらい

## 第3話

DON'T FORGET YOUR FIRST LOVE.
the only phrase of its kind.
That phrase,
will prevent me from wavering due to anything unexpected...
READY, SET...
初心忘れるバカ!
I LOVE
KUWAN!
kuwan.
kuwan.
SFX: Basa

This is a land ruled by the Dragons,
The Desert's Oasis
WASN'T I BEFORE KUWAN?
TALKING ABOUT FIRST LOVE,
However, Rushin has now returned, albeit with amnesia
Rushin, my first fiance, went missing. Kuwan became my second fiance in his place.
I, Shakuya, will be the next head of the dragon race.
1
2
Rushin's rose on the right hand.
These floral tattos that multiply in response to my emotions are proof of engagement.
Kuwan's Japanese Gentain on the left hand.

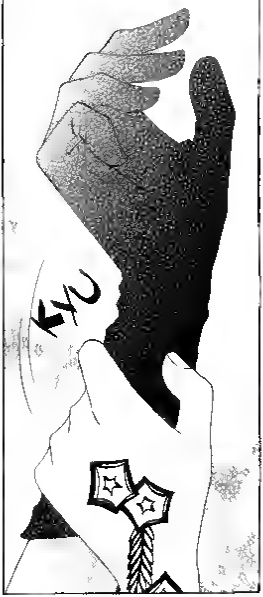
I think I will do what I did before, and treasure the feelings I have for Kuwan.

Ahah.

I actually finished making the bento.

I didn't plan for the Rose to develop, but a bud actually grew.

I am unable to hide my indecisiveness, but ...



SORRY HEAD CHEF! THANK YOU.

I HAVE ALREADY FINISHED, SO FORGIVE ME!

KEEP OUT

SHAKUYA-SAMA, I'M FINE WITH LETTING YOU USE THE KITCHEN,

BUT AT SUCH A DISTANCE I AM UNABLE TO GIVE YOU ADVICE.

Correct.

I HAVE ALREADY REACHED THAT AGE

Sad.

IN THE PAST, I WAS BY YOUR SIDE HELPING YOU HERE AND THERE

IS REMOVING YOUR GLOVES IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE THAT EMBARRASSING?

I'LL GO AND DELIVER THE BENTO, RUPINA!
...SUSPICIOUS?
Lady in waiting has disappeared on this.
EVEN I, HER LONG-TIME WAITING MAID, IS BEING DISTANCED FROM.
THIS SEEMS LIKE... HOW SHOULD I SAY IT, ISN'T IT JUST A BIT...
WELL THEN...
Not even Rupina should be told of it!
Wait for me!
The increasing roses,
What a really bad joke.
LUSHIN!

EH?
...KUWAN, WHERE HE IS.
YES... ABOUT THAT... I'M GOING TO

IT CAN'T BE SAID FOR CERTAIN THAT LUSHIN AND KUWAN ALREADY KNOW ABOUT IT.

I MADE A BET, SO IT'S FINE.
THINKING ABOUT IT, WHY WOULD RUSHIN BE LOITERING AROUND HERE?
WHAT KIND OF BET?
THIS IS THE DRAGON'S PALACE, I LIVE HERE!

Softly does it...
GOING OUT?

THAT I, TOO, WILL BE LIVING HERE

HAVE THE ROSES INCREASED YET?
NO WAY!
IN ORDER TO PROTECT SHAKUYA-SAMA FROM STRANGE PEOPLE,
RUSHIN-SAMA WAS WILLING TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO WAIT FOR KUWAN-SAMA, ISN'T HE NICE!
How good!
MORE LIKE "CARING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS"
How irritating!
NEXT TIME, MAKE A BENTO FOR RUSHIN-SAMA AS WELL, OK?
I DON'T WANT TO.
ACCORDING TO THE SCEHDULE I RECEIVED,
KUWAN-SAMA WILL PATROL THE STREETS UNTIL MORNING.
UNDER-STOOD.
IT'S NEARLY NOON, HE'LL RETURN TO THE POLICE OFFICE ALONG THIS ROAD.

JUST KIDDING.
I ALSO FEEL THAT HE MIGHT BE TRULY AFFEC-TIONATE.
EVEN SO, I FEEL THAT IT IS PRETTY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE.
AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT KUWAN HAS, TOO.
AH,
HE'S HERE,
IT'S KUWAN!
KUWAN!
ぱっ

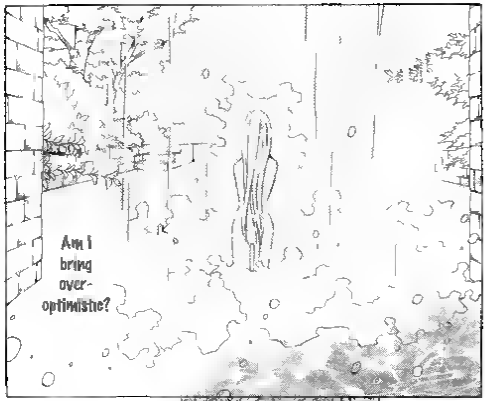
Eh? It's a bento!
THIS PACKAGE, WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS OF WANTING TO GO OUTSIDE TO EAT, BUT...
SNEAKING OUT OF THE PALACE TO HERE,
YOU MIGHT GET YOURSELF INVOLVED WITH WEIRD PEOPLE AGAIN.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
We just met up!
YOU CAME WITH...
AH, RUPINA AND RUSHIN.
RUSHIN,
EVEN THOUGH I WOULD RATHER NOT, I'M LEAVING SHAKUYA-SAMA TO YOU.
YOU DIDN'T NEED TO SAY SO.
RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
BEING SENT BACK.
I'LL BE ON MY WAY
I'LL BE AT THE PALACE IN THE EVENING I'LL SEE YOU THEN

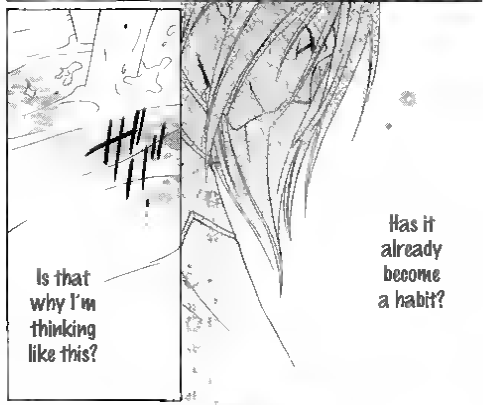
LOST THE ARGUEMENT IN AN INSTANT.
...FORGET IT, THAT'S JUST HOW KUWAN-SAMA IS.
I HAVE A FEELING I'VE SEEN SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPEN BEFORE.
RIGHT?
.....

That's just like Kuwan.
Not understanding other people's feelings, this isn't something that just started today.
INDEED.

◦料理

自分で"自分を養える程度に料理が"できる人になりたいのですが、実践は何もできません。一回フライパンで"油を熱しすぎて"ボンッ!"という音とともに火柱が上がった時はバ職が帰ろうかと思いました。塩をひとつまみで卵焼きを作ったりもしました。友達と鍋をつついて鍋の汁を持って帰ったのはいい思い出です。



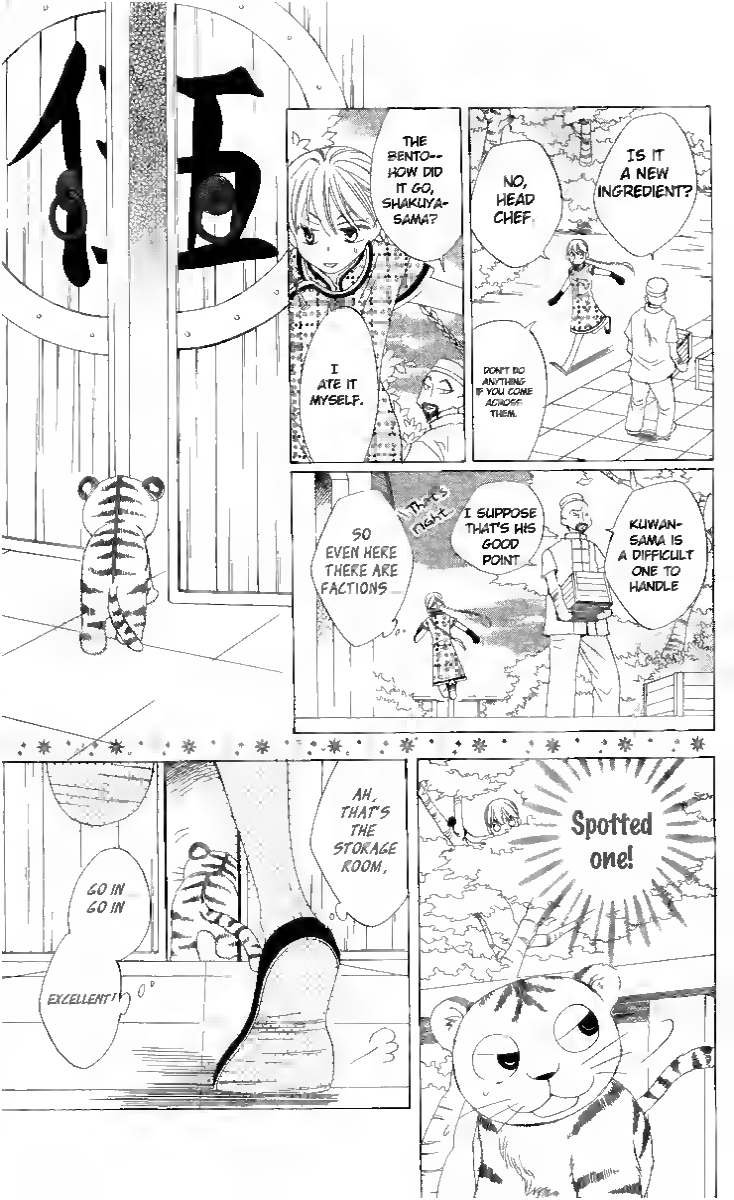
One could even feel lonely.
HEAD DRAGON,

WE MERCHANTS CAN ONLY SAFELY PASS THROUGH THE DESERT BECAUSE OF THIS OASIS.
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEART-FELT GRATITUDE.
HEAD DRAGON, THESE ARE YOUNG TIGERS.
THESE ARE GIFTS THAT THE MERCHANTS WANT TO OFFER.
WAA, HOW CUTE.
COME,
COME OVER HERE.
YES, OF COURSE.
WE'LL HAVE MY DAUGHTER TAKE CARE OF THEM, THEN.
PLEASE GO AND CALL SHAKUYA HERE.

AH!
NO NEED TO BE SCARED.

ハッキャッ
ハッキャ
Oh?
YOU, A GREAT SWORDSMAN I UNDERSTAND, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO MAKE THEM SCARED OF ME
THEY ESCAPED INTO THE GARDEN.
ゴロゴロ
EH?
I EXPECT SO, SHAKUYA-SAMA
SHOW THEM TO ME LATER
THEIR LEGS LOOK LIKE THIS, VERY CHUBBY, THEY ARE VERY CUTE
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO RAISE THEM?

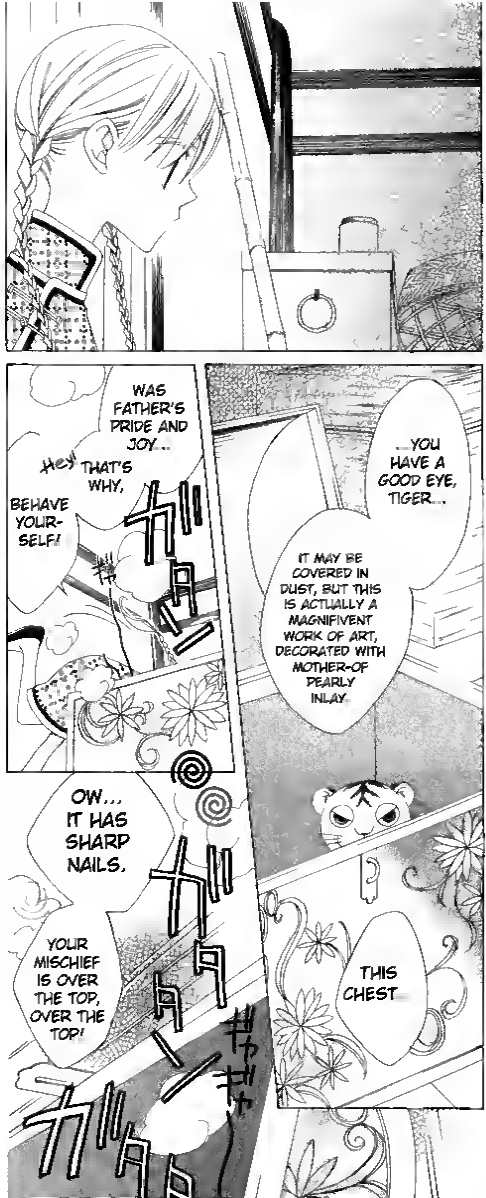
DID ANYTHING PASS BY RECENTLY?
AAH, IF IT WAS SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE A CAT, IT RAN IN THAT DIRECTION.
I THOUGHT I SAW...
THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY VERY QUICKLY, I CAN HARDLY SEE THEM.
MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED INSIDE THAT THEY DIDN'T LIKE?
THEY YOUNG TIGERS?
Hey, Wait up!
IF YOU FIND THEM, REMEMBER TO TAKE CARE OF THEM PROPERLY.
MAKES SENSE, SINCE THE PALACE IS QUITE LARGE.
LET'S ALSO SPLIT UP AND SEARCH FOR THEM.


THE BENTO-- HOW DID IT GO, SHAKUYA-SAMA?
I ATE IT MYSELF.
IS IT A NEW INGREDIENT?
NO, HEAD CHEF
DON'T DO ANYTHING IF YOU COME ACROSS THEM.
SO EVEN HERE THERE ARE FACTIONS
That's right
I SUPPOSE THAT'S HIS GOOD POINT
KUWAN-SAMA IS A DIFFICULT ONE TO HANDLE
AH, THAT'S THE STORAGE ROOM,
GO IN GO IN
EXCELLENT!!
Spotted one!

THIS ROOM ONLY HAS THIS ONE DOOR,
NO WINDOWS
JUST OBEDIENTLY LET YOURSELF BE CAUGHT.
YOU'RE IN HERE, AREN'T YOU?
REALISE THAT!
.....
THIS PERSON ISN'T SCARY!

• 虎

私はあまり気にとめて生きてこなかったんで"あが虎は純血種の象徴があるんですね。ものによっては既にしなくなってしまった種類もあるとか。毛皮が美しいのと繁殖を求めての乱獲が原因らしいです。
南北品だとか言って食用うんぬんってのタトだけ。



THE LID...
.....
gata
gata
gata
I CAN'T OPEN IT.
I don't know about this~
..CLOSED

TIGER..
IS YOUR BREATHIG ALRIGHT?
SEALED SHUT
SOMEONE!
GAOOO!
AH, I FOUND IT.
THIS CHEST,
SHUT SO TIGHTLY IT'S AIRTIGHT,
BREATHING WILL BECOME MORE DIFICULT

OVER HERE!
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YOU'RE IN MY WAY, RUSHIN.
I COULD SAY THE SAME, KUWAN.
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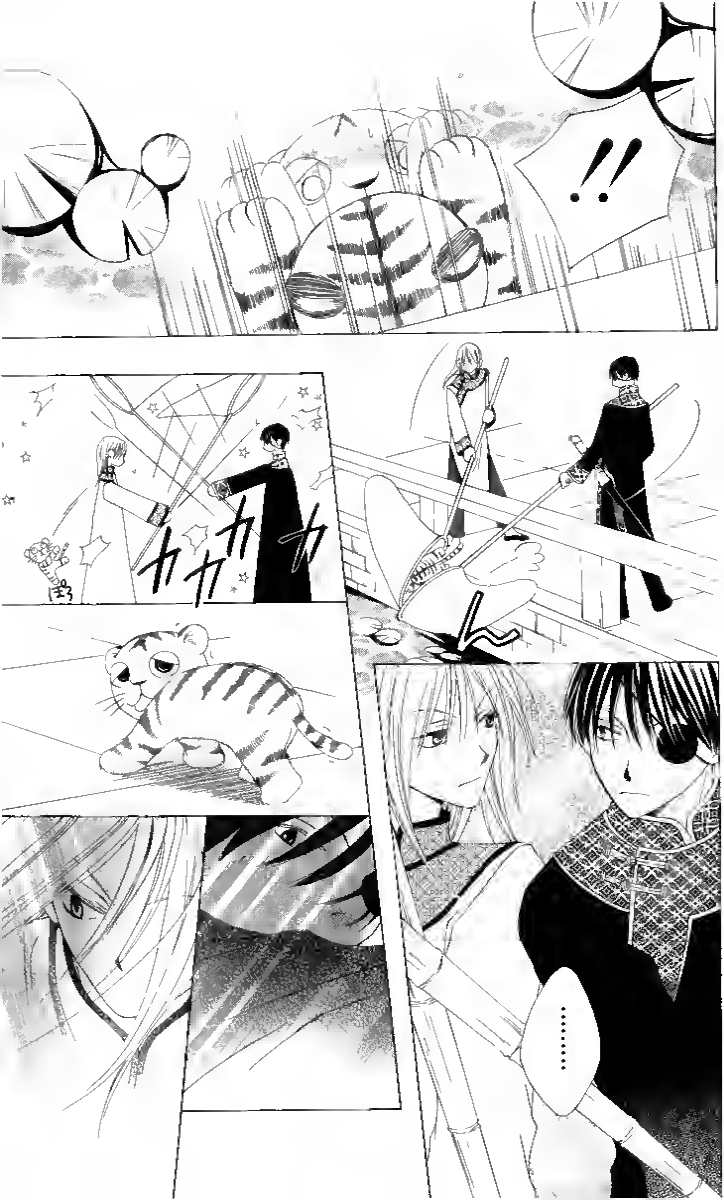
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CAUGHT IT.
PLEASE.
.....
THIS GUY JUST DOESN'T GIVE UP

I HAVEN'T SEEN SHAKUYA AROUND AT ALL.
WHERE DID SHE GO TO SEARCH?
ARA? NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION...
HM...
WE ASLO HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM THE TIGER ON THE OTHER SIDE
ARE THESE TWO EVENTS RELATED?
HAS SHE ALREADY FOUND THE TIGER?
IF NEITHER LEFT THE PALACE...
WHAT IF SHE IS UP A TREE AND CAN'T GET DOWN?
Cats do normally have such problems
WHAT ABOUT THE VOICE CALLING FOR HELP?
HAVEN'T HEARD IT.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?

I JUST STARTED MOVING THE WATER, I HOPE PEOPLE OUTSIDE TAKE IT AS A SIGN.
IF NO ONE NOTICES, I CAN TRANSFORM INTO A DRAGON AND BREAK THIS CHEST OPEN.
BUT I WANT TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER BEFORE DOING THAT.
Doesn't look pleased.
YOU'RE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR US BEING IN HERE
HOWEVER, I, ALSO AM WRONG IN TRATING A CHILD LIKE THIS.
BUT IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE THIS CHEST TO BE LEFT INTACT.
Under the thick layer of dust,
Glowing with a dull light...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR SHAKYUA-SAMA TO BE STUCK UP A TREE.
ABOUT OTHER POSSIBLE REASONS...
HM...
Are those related to my absent father
Those old, but beautiful memories.
Someone, please notice.
WAVES?
I am...
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チャプ
THERE ISN'T...
EVEN A SLIGHT BREEZE...
Over here.
チャプ...

Someone...
-SHAKUYA?

Knock
AM I EXPECTING TOO MUCH?
Someone...!
THE RIPPLES APPEAR TO COME FROM THAT DIRECTION.
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THOSE ARE ALL STORAGE ROOMS.
SOME-THING HAPPEN INSIDE?
HOW MANY ROOMS ARE THERE?
SIX.
LET'S CHECK EACH ROOM INDIVID-UALLY.
.....
No choice...
PAKI
---I give up.
PAKI
PAKI

KUWAN-SAMA?
AWA?
LET'S CHECK THE FIRST ROOM.
SHAKUYA-SAMA, ARE YOU HERE?

YOU'RE WELL PAST THE AGE OF PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK.
SERIOUSLY
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
KUWAN?
KUWAN!!
IS IT REALLY KUWAN?
IT'S ME. SO YOU REALLY WERE HERE.
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I'M FINE.
LISTEN, SHAKUYA-SAMA NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF HER BEING PART OF THE DRAGON FAMILY..
SO UNBECOMING.
AH!
THE FIFTH ROOM WAS THE CORRECT ONE?
KUWAN-SAMA, YOU REALLY KNOW WELL.
DIRECTLY ENTERING THIS ROOM, YOU SUPRISED ME.
BECAUSE I RECALLED, SHE ONCE TOLD ME, HER FATHER'S CHEST WAS STORED IN THIS VERY ROOM.
THERE AREN'T MANY THINGS SHAKUYA, THE SUPER-WOMAN, WOULD HESITATE TO DESTROY.
True.
Really, he...
SO IF IT WAS SOMETHING SHE TREASURE, SHE WOULDN'T DARE, WOULD SHE?

Even if it's tinged with sadness.
I TAKE BACK WHAT I THOUGHT THIS AFTERNOON.
Noticed these little things.
But I'm not alone.
NO PROBLEM.
THANKYOU, KUWAN.

WHAT A LIVELY LITTLE ONE!
SPOILED A REALLY GOOD OPPURTUNITY
YOU KNOW, AS ITS OWNER, ITS FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT SHAKUYA-SAMA
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I WANT TO PUNISH YOU,
TIGER!!
WHY ARE SUCH
IMPORTANT THINGS STORED IN THESE ROOMS?
KYAA

RUSHIN-SAMA IS UNABLE TO REMEMBER, AM I RIGHT?
WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT HAPPENED BEFORE YOU WENT MISSING.
YEAH, I CAN'T RECALL ANYTHING.
ABOUT SHAKYUA-SAMA'S FATHER,
SHAKUYA-SAMA'S MOTHER, THE HEAD OF HOUSE,
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EXILED HIM FROM THE OASIS.
EXILED?
WHAT DID HE DO?
FLIRT AROUND
The head is very scary.

PERHAPS IT WAS DUE TO THE UNHAPPINESS OF THE ARRANGED MARRIAGE,
IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THERE WERE ANY OTHER REASONS,
I'M ONLY CERTAIN THAT THIS WORRIED SHAKYUA-SAMA.
-AT THAT TIME, WHAT DID I DO?
RUSHIN-SAMA HELPED KEEP HER SPIRITS UP
BUT, NOT LONG AFTER, YOU TOO DISAPPEARED
DRIVING SHAKUYA-SAMA INTO DEPRESSION.

I WASN'T HERE FOR A WHOLE FIVE YEARS.
THE ONE WHO CURED THAT
WAS KUWAN?

EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE BEHIND, YOU MUST NOT ADMIT DEFEAT.
FURTHER-MORE, YOU LOST YOUR MEMORIES.
Purposely making herself unclear
AHH.
AH, TIGERS, I BROUGHT SOME MILK.
SHAKUYA-SAMA!
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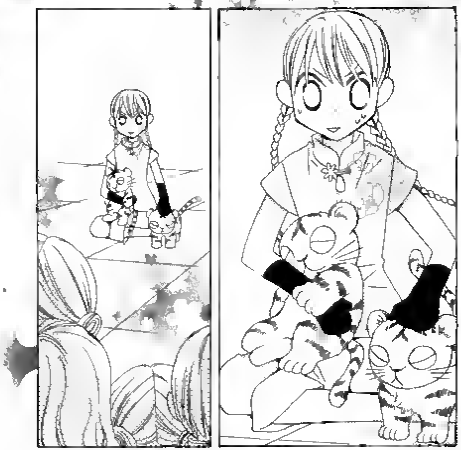
ARE YOU FULL, RUU?
WE MADE YOUR BED IN SHAKUYA-SAMA'S ROOM, KUU.
RUU? KUU?
HE'S BECOME SO OBEDIENT.
ISN'T HE CUTE?
UN!
Good boy!
This fellow seems better.
eh really?
--KUU.
--RUU.
AND KUU IS FOR KUWAN-SAMA.
RUU IS FOR RUSHIN-SAMA,
TWO OF THEM- A PERFECT MATCH.

*The maid's desire to watch the master's love triangle develop,*

*was unchanged.*



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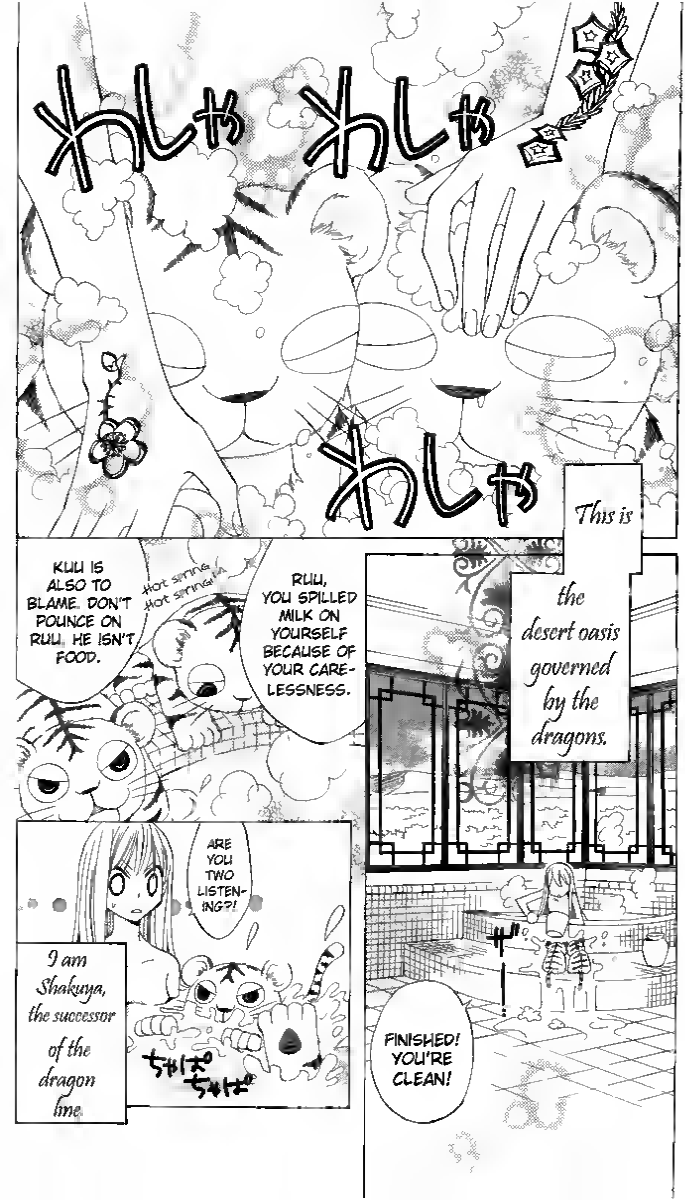
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This is the desert oasis governed by the dragons.
RUU, YOU SPILLED MILK ON YOURSELF BECAUSE OF YOUR CARELESSNESS.
Hot sipping Hot sipping
KUU IS ALSO TO BLAME. DON'T POUNCE ON RUU. HE ISN'T FOOD.
ARE YOU TWO LISTENING?!
I am Shakuya, the successor of the dragon line.
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FINISHED! YOU'RE CLEAN!

KAPON...
ばっ
DAMN!
STRANGE THOUGHTS THANKS TO THOSE MAIDS!
Shakuya has gone crazy, hasn't she?
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My first fiancé who went missing, Rushin, reappeared suddenly, albeit with memory loss.
While Rushin wasn't around, I had acquired a second fiancé, Kuwan
Kuu and
Kuu...
I'M OUT OF HERE BEFORE I FAINT
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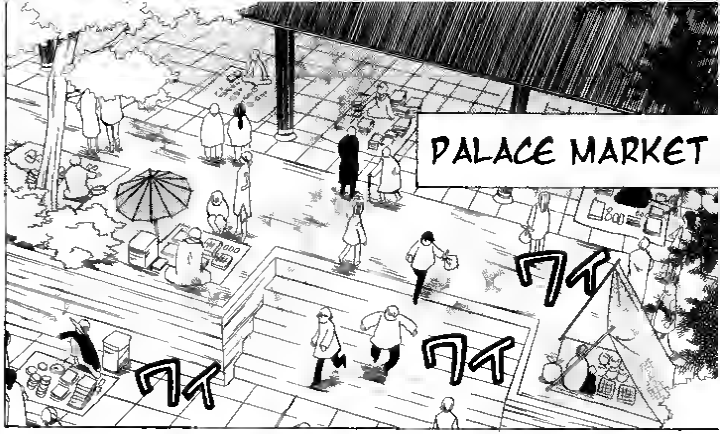
RUPINA, MY CLOTHES PLEASE...
HMM-THEN...
...RUPINA?
Not here.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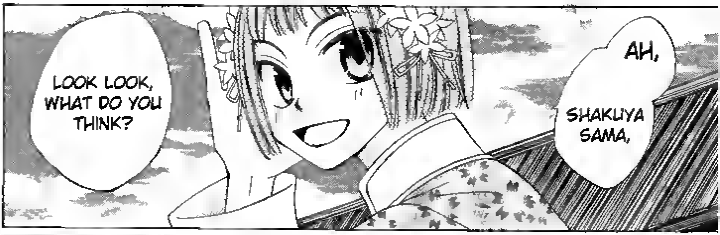
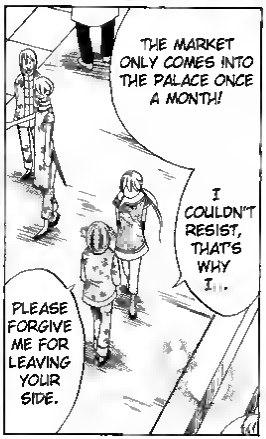

LOOK LOOK, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AH, SHAKUYA SAMA,

IT'S OKAY. FIND ANYTHING INTERESTING?
I DID, BUT THAT STORE IS PACKED WITH PEOPLE.


THE MARKET ONLY COMES INTO THE PALACE ONCE A MONTH!
I COULDN'T RESIST, THAT'S WHY I..
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR LEAVING YOUR SIDE.

YOU STILL DARE TO ASK WHEN YOU NEGLECTED YOUR DUTIES?
BUYING THINGS IS FUN!

PACKED?
RUSHIN?
WHY WOULD HE BE HERE?
HE'S MOST LIKELY FLIRTING AROUND WITH OTHER PEOPLE THAT'S JUST LIKE HIM.
SHAKUYA~
This one too!
Try this one too!
What bout this?
OUR HAIRSTYLES KINDA LOOK THE SAME TODAY
YOU DIDN'T BRAID YOUR HAIR?
DOES IT SUIT ME?
Can't even think about it.
This is a look Kuwan won't be able to imitate.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT,
SHAKUYA,
THEN HELP ME TAKE THESE OFF.
AH!
Didn't notice!
Two horse tails!
DON'T LIKE THAT?
GO AHEAD!
...YOU
WHY DON'T YOU DO IT YOURSELF?
I REALLY DON'T MIND LOOKING LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW.
TAKING IT OFF MYSELF WOULD BE INSULTING
TO THOSE WHO PUT THEM THERE. SO HELP ME PLEASE?

Oh, really...
TRUTHFULLY, I FEEL IT'S REALLY EMBARRASSING.
RUSHIN,
EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS TO BE YOUR PERSONALITY, I WISH YOU'D TRY TO USE MORE NORMAL SPEECH.
Isn't it better with them on?
Eh?
NORMAL?
SUCH AS BENDING DOWN FOR ME TO HAVE A LOOK.
DON'T BE LIKE THIS, DO THINGS NORMALLY.
BECAUSE I FEEL,
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.
OWW!
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO KEEP A COOL HEAD.
I COULDN'T DO THAT, IT WOULD BE A WASTE

If I were more self-confident it would be okay, but now I just don't know what to do
I'm always at a loss of what to do.
When I'm with Kushin,
No can do. Better stay away!
Eh? My body is moving by itself.
I'm dancing..
It's this time that...
SHAKUYA-SAMA?
SO IT'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE CURRENT DRAGON HEAD
I'M HONOURED.
AH, KUWAN!
I WAS INFLUENCED BY THE FLUTE, I THINK
SHAKUYA-SAMA, WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?

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○言葉づかい

ガラクに酔うって言うのは方言ですがね。それともうちだけ…？のほぞんの意味で使うんですけど。時々セリフにポロっとそういう言葉が出たりしそうになったりします。そういえば小学校の頃だいたい他の色の色鉛筆を柿色と呼んで"うちだけ？"みたいなノンとになった事もありました。分け隔てそれをパパイヤと呼ぶのもうちだけですが。

では巻末で。

LOST CONTROL?
WAIT...
DON'T KILL IT!

RUSHIN...
I KNEW YOU WOULD STOP.
Unless you really wanted to cut me...
YOUR FINGERS
WOULD HAVE BEEN CHOPPED OFF
THANK... THANK YOU!
YES!
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SNAKE, ISN'T IT?

NORMALLY, SHE IS OKAY. SHE ISN'T USUALLY LIKE THIS.
WHAT HAPPENED?
JOURANDA IS REALLY FAMOUS AS A SKILLED SNAKE CHARMER
AYA, I'M REALLY SORRY.
YOU ARE NOT HURT?
YOU BETTER NOT HAVE ANY OTHER INTENTIONS.
Definitely not! I'm innocent!
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY LACK OF SKILL
EEN, DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I thought I saw...
JOURANDA, MU FLUTE.
IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF YOUR FLUTE
...Rushin got bitten, right...?
YOU MADE IT WELL.
THE FLUTE WAS MADE BY THAT KID?
Correct
THIS HAPPENING WAS ALL BECAUSE OF MY OVERSIGHT, BUT THIS KID HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL.
USING TAKUTAKU'S SNAKE FLUTE, YOU COULD SAY THERE IS NO SNAKE THAT I COULDN'T CHARM.
...is his hand okay...?

...Could it be because of the warm and lively atmosphere he is unable to say...?
Ahah!
NO NO, I STILL HAVE TO COUNT ON YOUR FLUTE.
THAT IS ACTUALLY BECAUSE OF JOURANDA'S SKILL.
ONLY WHEN TWO PEOPLE PUT THEIR SKILLS TOGETHER WILL THEY BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
SEE YOU NEXT TIME SHAKUYA SAMA.
IS YOUR RIGHT HAND OKAY?
SHAKU-
?
I WAS BITTEN, BUT IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
Aah!
YOU WERE BITTEN.
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE MEDICAL WARDS

Even in THIS kind of situation you still use such a tone of voice!
...
I SHOULDN'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT YOU!
AYE, SHAKUYA,
ARE YOU WORRIED FOR ME?
Nng...
THAT SNAKE HAS BEEN DEFANGED.
YA?
LOOK,
THEY'RE NOT SWELLING
WO
YOU'RE NOT JOKING
BUT EVEN SO, IT COULD GET INFECTED. BETTER HAVE IT CHECKED.

OH.
...I...
He... he's embarrassed...
I didn't think she was actually worried...

After I went a numb feeling was left on my fingers
How strange...
AH, SHAKUYA-SAMA,
YOU WERE LATE IN RETURNING, THE MARKET HAS CLOSED.
SORRY, I WAS AT THE WARDS..
SURE EVERYBODY WASN'T FORCED TO CLOSE?
SHAKUYA-SAMA, I'M LEAVING TO GO ON PATROL, WE SHALL PART HERE.
WISH YOU WELL, KUWAN!

I SHOULD HAVE KILLED THE SNAKE WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE.
IF I DID,
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RUSHIN.
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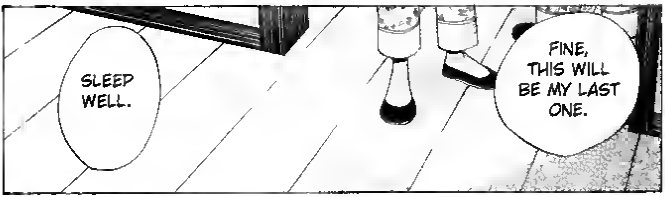
His dark side...
Blushing for a moment, going pale- white the next. just make your mind up already!
Jealous? I'm both happy and scared.
I OUGHT TO HAVE CUT RUSHIN THEN, TOO.
It's the snake charmer from just now.
With that snake.
Okay! I'll make one quick trip round then return.

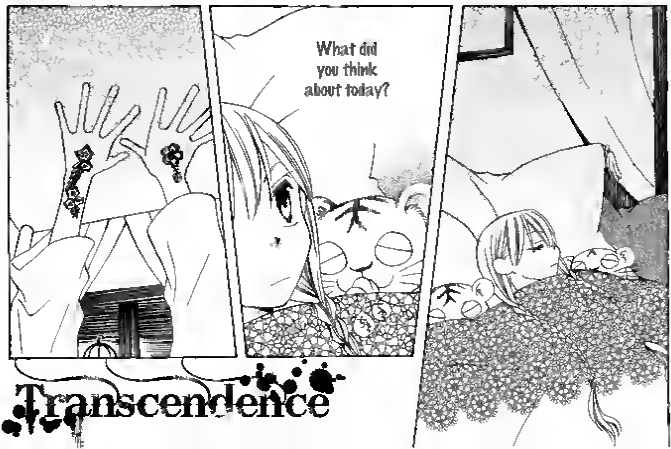
There are no spectators around, so what is he doing?

YOU'RE ALREADY
NO USE.
...
EVEN THOUGH A SKILLED INDIVIDUALIS POPULAR,
A SNAKE CHARMER IS STILL A SNAKE CHARMER
I'M ALREADY FED UP WITH THIS JOB.
OH, TAKUTAKU, I'M OVER HERE
Where are you?!

NEXT TIME I HOPE THAT THERE IS A SNKE CHARMER WHO DOESN'T DEFANG HIS SNAKE
Sigh
WHAT ARE YOU SIGHING FOR?
OH, NOTHING
HE WANTS TO RETIRE?
WHO KNOWS.
THE DESERT NIGHTS ARE COLD~
MAKE SURE YOU'RE TUCKED IN NICELY
UMM... SHAKUYA-SAMA?
HOW WAS YOUR DAY TODAY?

STOP TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD ALREADY!
Good night.
And sweet dreams.
How comfortable.


SLEEP WELL.
FINE, THIS WILL BE MY LAST ONE.

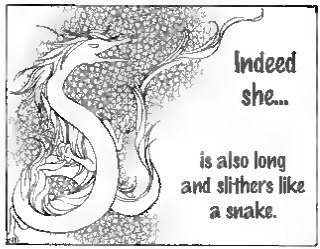

What did you think about today?

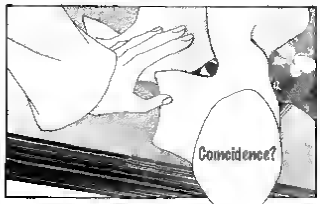
NO DIFFER-ENCE... AH...
...
Am I feeling happy, or....?
I didn't know what I was doing.
Unknowingly shifts over to Kuu's side.
Even when acting normally,
Rushin baffles me -I can't read him.
PEEK

PAKI
The sound of the flute... I hear it.
PAKI
PAKI
Am I dreaming?
When did I drift off to sleep?
PAKI

Only when two people put their skills together, will they be able to do this
Killing a snake he ought to treasure, that in itself is weird.
and also...
KUWAN'S HOME
I can't stop thinking about that snake charmer.
...wasn't that man originally filled with warmth?
The skilled snake charmer who received praise,
attributed it to the boy genius's flute.
Now he's lacking something important.

A snake charmer without a snake...
What kind of job will he do?
I was influenced by the flute, I think...
Uh, Kuwan!


Indeed she...
is also long and slithers like a snake.


Coincidence?

I'M GOING OUT
PREPARE MY HORSE!
AT THIS TIME..
I SHOULD ASK YOU FOR
THE REASON WHY YOU'RE OUT HERE.
You're also here.

I WON'T ANSWER.
SEEING YOU LAUGH AT ME WILL BRING ME NO JOY.
ON THE SAME NOTE, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
PLEASE DON'T- YOU'LL LAUGH AT ME
EVEN THOUGH SOME SAY DRAGONS EVOLVED FROM LONG-LIVED SNAKES,
SHAKUYA IS HUMAN, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE
ON THAT POINT I DON'T AGREE, BUT...
IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE BECAUSE, SHAKUYA-SAMA...

...HER DRAGON POWERS ARE IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN.

There's 5 people up there!
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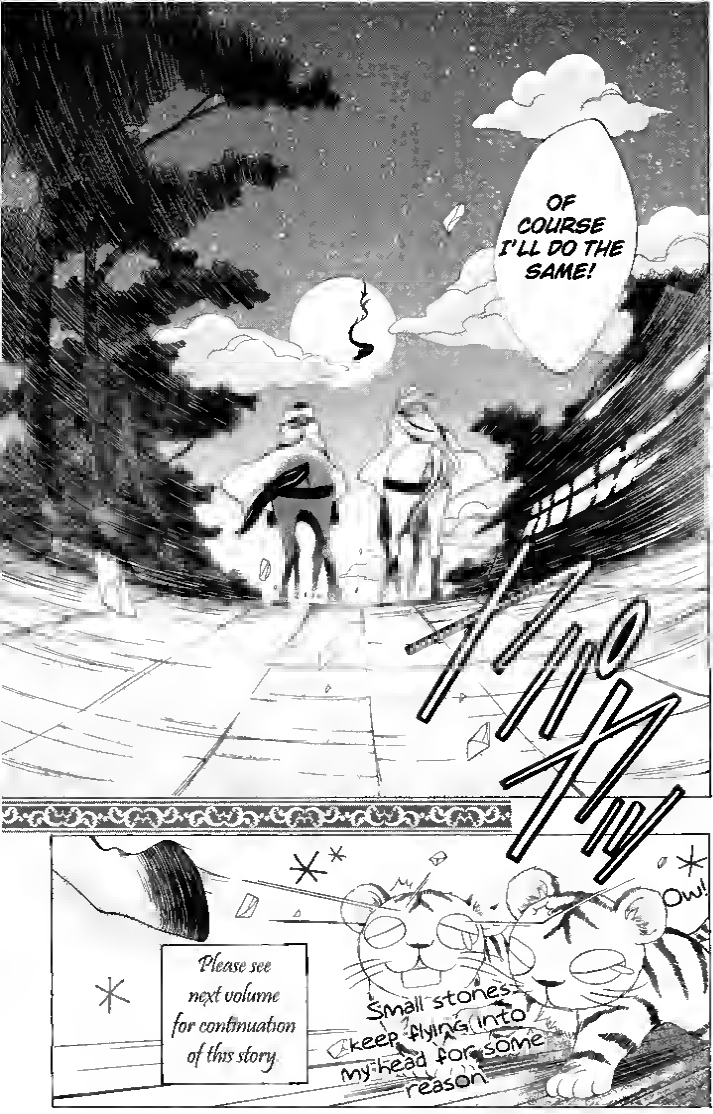
SHAKUYA!
RUSHIN,
I WILL CONTINUE CHASING THEM EVEN INTO THE DESERT REGION.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?


OF COURSE I'LL DO THE SAME!
THE END
Please see next volume for continuation of this story
Small stones keep flying into my head for some reason
Ow!

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